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MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 6 AUGUST 1957  
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PRESENT: [REDACTED]

25X1A9a Career Preferences

[REDACTED] noted the reported expression in Career Preference Outlines of the interest of D/GG personnel in temporary assignment with DD/P. The intent of such TDY's is a valid one, and is essentially one of training; by virtue of his new experience, the researcher is better able to recommend and produce the kind of research needed by the operational requestor. In addition, working relations between ORR and DD/P may be significantly benefited. Since there are problems connected with a TDY plan, such as assuring that the ORR man is actually so placed in DD/P that he gains the experience desired, OTR has been contacted regarding the possibility of conducting clandestine-type training courses for GRA personnel. The suggestion appears to be enthusiastically received by OTR and will be followed up. Examination will also be made of the potential for temporary assignments in DD/P.

2. JOT Program

25X1A9a [REDACTED] was accepted as a DD/I nominee, and is now up for consideration by the OTR board.

3. Disarmament Paper

The divisions will review the DAD/RR's memo on implications of the disarmaments talks and prepare comments on it for Ch/G.

4. Management Course

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25X1A6a A special management course for ORR personnel will be held by OTR [REDACTED] this fall. The group determined that [REDACTED] would be nominated as GRA participants.

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5. Picnic

The group reviewed the cancellation of an Area picnic this year and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of such gatherings. It was decided that division picnics are perhaps more feasible. [REDACTED] recommended that some objectives of the picnics may be realized from a more active program of inter-divisional tours, briefings, and visits. The group agreed with this, and such a program will be developed.

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\*6. Budget

The current trend in thinking is that the FY 1958 budget will not be permitted to exceed that for FY 1957. It is likely, therefore, that a harder look will be directed by ORR at such items as foreign travel and overtime, particularly if the Office gets additional burdens without appropriations to cover them. Also indicated is the possibility of quarterly budgeting, with unused funds reverting to the Treasury.

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